

Part 4

Computer System General Obligation Bonds

63B-7-401 State Bonding Commission authorized to issue general obligation bonds.

The commission created under Section 63B-1-201 may issue and sell general obligation bonds of the state pledging the full faith, credit, and resources of the state for the payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds to provide funds to the State Tax Commission.

Enacted by Chapter 67, 1998 General Session

63B-7-402 Maximum amount -- Projects authorized.

(1) The total amount of bonds issued under this part may not exceed \$16,500,000.

(2)

(a) Proceeds from the issuance of bonds shall be provided to the State Tax Commission to provide funds to pay all or part of the cost of the project described in this Subsection (2).

(b) These costs may include:

- (i) the cost of acquisition, development, and conversion of computer hardware and software for motor vehicle fee systems and tax collection and accounting systems of the state;
- (ii) interest estimated to accrue on these bonds during the period to be covered by that development and conversion, plus a period of six months following the completion of the development and conversion; and
- (iii) all related engineering, consulting, and legal fees.

(c) For the State Tax Commission, proceeds shall be provided for the following:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT FUNDED
UTAX SYSTEMS ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT	\$15,650,000

(3) The commission, by resolution may decline to issue bonds if the project could be construed to violate state law or federal law or regulation.

(4)

(a) For this project, for which only partial funding is provided in Subsection (2), it is the intent of the Legislature that the balance necessary to complete the project be addressed by future Legislatures, either through appropriations or through the issuance or sale of bonds.

(b) The State Tax Commission may enter into contracts for amounts not to exceed the anticipated full project funding but may not allow work to be performed on those contracts in excess of the funding already authorized by the Legislature.

(c) Those contracts shall contain a provision for termination of the contract for the convenience of the state.

(d) It is also the intent of the Legislature that this authorization to the State Tax Commission does not bind future Legislatures to fund projects initiated from this authorization.

Amended by Chapter 196, 2014 General Session

63B-7-403 Use of bond proceeds for issuance and other costs.

The proceeds of bonds issued under this chapter shall be used for the purposes described in Section 63B-7-402 and to pay all or part of any cost incident to the issuance and sale of the bonds

including, without limitation, printing, registration and transfer costs, legal fees, trustees' fees, financial advisors' fees, and underwriters' discounts.

Enacted by Chapter 67, 1998 General Session

63B-7-404 Manner of issuance -- Amounts, interest, and maturity.

- (1) Bonds issued under this chapter may be authorized, sold, and issued at times and in a manner determined by the commission by resolution.
- (2) Bonds may be issued in one or more series, in amounts, and shall bear dates, interest rate or rates, including a variable rate, and maturity dates as the commission determines by resolution.
- (3) A bond issued may not mature later than 20 years after the date of final passage of this chapter.

Enacted by Chapter 67, 1998 General Session

63B-7-405 Terms and conditions of sale -- Plan of financing -- Signatures -- Replacement -- Registration -- Federal rebate.

- (1) In the issuance of bonds, the commission may determine by resolution:
 - (a) the manner of sale, including public or private sale;
 - (b) the terms and conditions of sale, including price, whether at, below, or above face value;
 - (c) denominations;
 - (d) form;
 - (e) manner of execution;
 - (f) manner of authentication;
 - (g) place and medium of purchase;
 - (h) redemption terms; and
 - (i) other provisions and details it considers appropriate.
- (2) The commission may by resolution adopt a plan of financing, which may include terms and conditions of arrangements entered into by the commission on behalf of the state with financial and other institutions for letters of credit, standby letters of credit, reimbursement agreements, and remarketing, indexing, and tender agent agreements to secure the bonds, including payment from any legally available source of fees, charges, or other amounts coming due under the agreements entered into by the commission.
- (3)
 - (a) Any signature of a public official authorized by resolution of the commission to sign the bonds may be a facsimile signature of that official imprinted, engraved, stamped, or otherwise placed on the bonds.
 - (b) If all signatures of public officials on the bonds are facsimile signatures, provision shall be made for a manual authenticating signature on the bonds by or on behalf of a designated authentication agent.
 - (c) If an official ceases to hold office before delivery of the bonds signed by that official, the signature or facsimile signature of the official is nevertheless valid for all purposes.
 - (d) A facsimile of the state seal may be imprinted, engraved, stamped, or otherwise placed on the bonds.
- (4)
 - (a) The commission may enact resolutions providing for the replacement of lost, destroyed, or mutilated bonds, or for the exchange of bonds after issuance for bonds of smaller or larger denominations.

- (b) Bonds in changed denominations shall:
 - (i) be exchanged for the original bonds in like aggregate principal amounts and in a manner that prevents the duplication of interest; and
 - (ii) bear interest at the same rate, mature on the same date, and be as nearly as practicable in the form of the original bonds.
- (5)
 - (a) Bonds may be registered as to both principal and interest or may be in a book entry form under which the right to principal and interest may be transferred only through a book entry.
 - (b) The commission may provide for the services and payment for the services of one or more financial institutions or other entities or persons, or nominees, within or outside the state, for the authentication, registration, transfer, including record, bookkeeping, or book entry functions, exchange, and payment of the bonds.
 - (c) The records of ownership, registration, transfer, and exchange of the bonds, and of persons to whom payment with respect to the obligations are made, are private records as provided in Section 63G-2-302 or protected records as provided in Section 63G-2-305.
 - (d) The bonds and any evidences of participation interest in the bonds may be issued, executed, authenticated, registered, transferred, exchanged, and otherwise made to comply with Title 15, Chapter 7, Registered Public Obligations Act, or any other act of the Legislature relating to the registration of obligations enacted to meet the requirements of Section 149 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or any successor to it, and applicable regulations.
- (6) The commission may:
 - (a) by resolution, provide for payment to the United States of whatever amounts are necessary to comply with Section 148 (f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; and
 - (b) enter into agreements with financial and other institutions and attorneys to provide for:
 - (i) the calculation, holding, and payment of those amounts; and
 - (ii) payment from any legally available source of fees, charges, or other amounts coming due under any agreements entered into by the commission.

Amended by Chapter 382, 2008 General Session

63B-7-406 Constitutional debt limitation.

- (1) The commission may not issue bonds under this chapter in an amount that violates the limitation described in Utah Constitution Article XIV, Section 1.
- (2) For purposes of applying the debt limitation contained in Utah Constitution Article XIV, Section 1, the value of the taxable property in Utah is considered to be 100% of the fair market value of the taxable property of the state, as computed from the last assessment for state purposes previous to the issuance of the bonds.

Enacted by Chapter 67, 1998 General Session

63B-7-407 Tax levy -- Abatement of tax.

- (1) Each year after issuance of the bonds and until all outstanding bonds are retired, there is levied a direct annual tax on all real and personal property within the state subject to state taxation, sufficient to pay:
 - (a) applicable bond redemption premiums, if any;
 - (b) interest on the bonds as it becomes due; and
 - (c) principal of the bonds as it becomes due.

- (2)
 - (a) The State Tax Commission shall fix the rate of the direct annual tax levy each year.
 - (b) The tax shall be collected and the proceeds applied as provided in this chapter.
- (3) The direct annual tax imposed under this section is abated to the extent money is available from sources, other than ad valorem taxes in the sinking fund, for the payment of bond interest, principal, and redemption premiums.

Enacted by Chapter 67, 1998 General Session

63B-7-408 Creation of sinking fund.

- (1) There is created a sinking fund, to be administered by the state treasurer, entitled the "1998 General Obligation Project Bonds Sinking Fund."
- (2) All money deposited in the sinking fund, from whatever source, shall be used to pay debt service on the bonds.
- (3) The proceeds of all taxes levied under this chapter are appropriated to this fund.
- (4) The state treasurer may create separate accounts within the sinking fund for each series of bonds issued.

Enacted by Chapter 67, 1998 General Session

63B-7-409 Payment of interest, principal, and redemption premiums.

- (1) The Division of Finance shall draw warrants on the state treasury before any interest, principal, or redemption premiums become due on the bonds.
- (2) After receipt of the warrants, the state treasurer shall:
 - (a) promptly pay the warrants from funds within the sinking fund; and
 - (b) immediately transmit the amount paid to the paying agent for the bonds.

Enacted by Chapter 67, 1998 General Session

63B-7-410 Investment of sinking fund money.

- (1) The state treasurer may, by following the procedures and requirements of Title 51, Chapter 7, State Money Management Act, invest any money contained in the sinking fund until it is needed for the purposes for which the fund is created.
- (2) Unless otherwise provided in the resolution of the commission authorizing the issuance of bonds under this chapter, the treasurer shall retain all income from the investment of any money contained in the sinking fund in the sinking fund and use it for the payment of debt service on the bonds.

Enacted by Chapter 67, 1998 General Session

63B-7-411 Bond proceeds -- Deposits -- Investment -- Disposition of investment income and unexpended proceeds.

- (1)
 - (a) Proceeds from the sale of bonds issued under this chapter shall be deposited within one or more accounts as determined by resolution of the commission.
 - (b) The state treasurer shall administer and maintain these accounts unless otherwise provided by the commission by resolution.

- (c) The commission by resolution may provide for the deposit of the money with a trustee and the administration, disposition, or investment of the money by this trustee.
- (2)
 - (a) The commission by resolution shall provide for the kinds of investments in which the proceeds of bonds issued under this chapter may be invested.
 - (b) Income from the investment of proceeds of bonds issued under this chapter shall be applied as provided by resolution of the commission.
- (3) Any unexpended bond proceeds issued under this chapter shall be deposited, upon completion of the purposes for which the bonds were issued, in the sinking fund, unless otherwise provided in the resolution of the commission authorizing the issuance of bonds under this chapter.

Amended by Chapter 342, 2011 General Session

63B-7-412 Refunding of bonds.

- (1) The commission may provide for the refunding of any of the bonds in accordance with Title 11, Chapter 27, Utah Refunding Bond Act.
- (2) For purposes of Title 11, Chapter 27, Utah Refunding Bond Act, the state of Utah is considered the public body and the commission its governing body.

Enacted by Chapter 67, 1998 General Session

63B-7-413 Certification of satisfaction of conditions precedent -- Conclusiveness.

- (1) The commission may not issue any bond under this chapter until it finds and certifies that all conditions precedent to issuance of the bonds have been satisfied.
- (2) A recital on any bond of this finding and certification conclusively establishes the completion and satisfaction of all conditions precedent.

Enacted by Chapter 67, 1998 General Session

63B-7-414 Tax exemption.

The bonds issued under this chapter, any interest paid on the bonds, and any income from the bonds are not taxable in this state for any purpose, except for the corporate franchise tax.

Enacted by Chapter 67, 1998 General Session

63B-7-415 Legal investment status.

Bonds issued under this chapter are legal investments for all state trust funds, insurance companies, banks, trust companies, and the State School Fund and may be used as collateral to secure legal obligations.

Enacted by Chapter 67, 1998 General Session

63B-7-416 Publication of resolution or notice -- Limitation on actions to contest legality.

- (1) The commission may:
 - (a) publish any resolution it adopts under this chapter:
 - (i) once in a newspaper having general circulation in Utah; and
 - (ii) as required in Section 45-1-101; or

- (b) in lieu of publishing the entire resolution, publish a notice of bonds to be issued, titled as such, containing the information required in Subsection 11-14-316(2).
- (2)
 - (a) Any interested person, for 30 days after the date of publication, may contest:
 - (i) the legality of the resolution;
 - (ii) any of the bonds authorized under it; or
 - (iii) any of the provisions made for the security and repayment of the bonds.
 - (b) After 30 days, a person may not contest the legality of the resolution, any of the bonds authorized under it, or any of the provisions made for the security and repayment of the bonds for any cause.

Amended by Chapter 388, 2009 General Session

63B-7-417 Report to Legislature.

The governor shall report the commission's proceedings to each annual general session of the Legislature in his budget for as long as bonds issued under this chapter remain outstanding.

Enacted by Chapter 67, 1998 General Session